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Unsure if this was forwarded last week in my absence fysa.

Judith

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Alan,

I am pleased to share that the Civilian Contract Audit Support Services Working Group, co-led by GSA and

the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), has completed their initial work to evaluate acquisition strategies

for civilian agencies to obtain contract audit services.

The Working Group was formed after the Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA),

Section 893 - Improved Auditing of Contracts, prohibited the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) from

performing audits for civilian agencies. Although the prohibition has since been lifted and DCAA is again

servicing civilian agencies, the working group continued to analyze and develop additional options for

supporting contract audits.

Their goal was to create a government-wide contract audit strategy that includes:

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Information-sharing across civilian agencies about use of DCAA and industry for contract audit services

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Means of coordination across agencies, especially with respect to cognizance

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Through their work, the group determined that a new contract solution is not needed as civilian contract audit

support services can be acquired through the GSA Multiple Award Schedule program. This approach aligns

with one of the contract reduction and cost avoidance goal of category management.

The working group has developed a Civilian Contract Audit Services Ordering Guide (attached) to educate the

contracting community on best practices on using the Schedules program for these services. The ordering

guide is intended to serve as an informational resource for federal agencies seeking to procure contract audits

from our industry partners.

For situational awareness, the House Armed Services Committee's (HASC) acquisition reform bill ([H.R.](#)

[2511](#)), Defense Acquisition Streamlining and Transparency Act was passed by the Senate on 9/18/2017. The

NDAA ([H.R.2810, Sec 802](#)) includes language pertaining to the performance of incurred cost audits. "The

Secretary shall use a qualified private auditor to perform a sufficient number of incurred cost audits of

contracts of the Department of Defense..." to meet a number of requirements such as reducing the current

backlog by October 2020 and ensuring that new audits are completed within one year of submission.

It's important to note that the Civilian Contract Audit Services Ordering Guide was not created in direct

response to the NDAA. The guide is for use by civilian agencies who determine that they require a private

auditor to perform incurred cost audits. Nonetheless, the release of the request for information (RFI) may

generate some questions from congressional or other stakeholders. The Office of Congressional Affairs is

notifying the HASC today.

Assuming no significant congressional stakeholder concerns, next week the working group plans to issue a

RFI on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) page to solicit industry feedback on the Civilian Contract

Audit Services Ordering Guide. The RFI will remain open for 30 days.

Once we receive, vet and incorporate the industry input, we will finalize the ordering guide and work with the

Office of Strategic Communications to market it to the federal acquisition community.

GSA and the FAA are proud to partner together to deliver comprehensive solutions across government at the

best value possible to all federal agencies. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you Alan.

Tiffany

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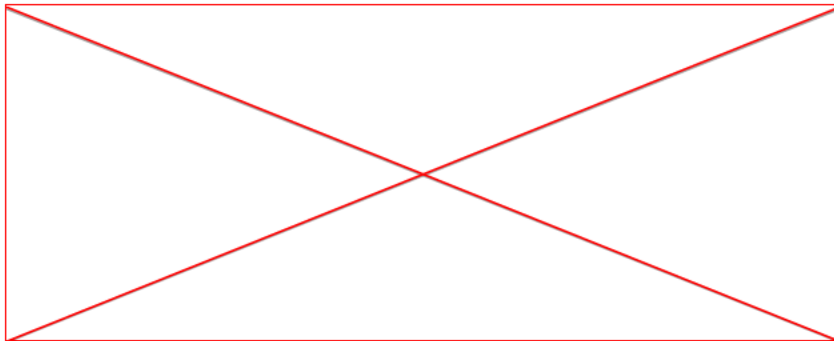
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FYI some docs from PWC on their project ...

Thanks,

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Steve / Bill,

It was great meeting you both yesterday (in person and virtually) and discussing GSA's path forward with cost allocation and analysis. Thanks for sharing your introductory briefing deck as well. I had a few minutes to look over that last night and the path you are embarking on is something that I am quite passionate about and have very relevant experience with in my 20+ years of supporting commercial and Federal clients. I would very much like to continue our discussions as we complete WCF deliverables and you move out with your Validate Objectives phase. This effort is something that I (and PwC) would love to support and help GSA successfully accomplish the goals identified in your slide deck.

Attached, please find the WCF As-Is Assessment that we completed for GSA, as well as the timeline associated with our current GSA project. I'll provide the updated bill files that we are in the process of finalizing next week after Gerard has had the opportunity to review them.

If you have any questions about our current tasks or want to discuss anything else related to cost allocation, feel free to reach out via phone or email (or swing by 6013 if you are in the neighborhood).

Thanks again,  
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